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Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3335–S3451

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 849–864, S.J. Res. 65, and S. Res. 93–94.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 24, to provide emergency credit assistance to farmers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute (with additional views). (S. Rept. No. 98–28)

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Measures Passed:

National Recovery Room Nurses Day: Senate passed S.J. Res. 20, authorizing and requesting the President to designate March 27, 1983, as "National Recovery Room Nurses Day."

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National Arthritis Month: Senate passed S.J. Res. 32, providing for the designation of May, 1983, as "National Arthritis Month."

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National Mental Health Counselors Week: Senate passed S.J. Res. 35, designating the week beginning March 20, 1983, as "National Mental Health Counselors Week."

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National Surveyors Week: Senate passed S.J. Res. 44, authorizing the President to issue a proclamation designating the week beginning on March 11, 1984, as "National Surveyors Week."

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A Week of Remembrance for the 40th Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising: Senate passed S.J. Res. 49, authorizing and requesting the President to proclaim the week of April 10–16, 1983, as "A Week of Remembrance for the 40th Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising."

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National Mental Health Week: Senate passed S.J. Res. 52, authorizing and requesting the President to designate the week of April 10, 1983 through April 16, 1983, as "National Mental Health Week."

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National Physical Fitness and Sports Month: Senate passed S.J. Res. 53, authorizing and requesting the President to designate the month of May, 1983, as "National Physical Fitness and Sports Month."

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National Drug Abuse Education Week: Senate passed S.J. Res. 57, designating the week of April 3, 1983, through April 9, 1983, as "National Drug Abuse Education Week."

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Anniversary of Treaty between Sweden and United States: Senate passed S.J. Res. 64, commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Amity and Commerce between Sweden and the United States.

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Afghanistan Day: Senate passed S.J. Res. 65, designating March 21, 1983, as "Afghanistan Day."

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Authorizing Testimony: Senate agreed to S. Res. 94, authorizing the testimony of Christine C. Dauth as a witness in the case of *United States* v. *Harry Zain,* Criminal No. M15622–82A, before the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

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Social Security Amendments of 1983: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1900, to implement the consensus recommendations of the National Commission on Social Security Reform, taking action on additional amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

(1) Gorton unprinted amendment No. 85, providing that if two or more related corporations which employ health care professionals as faculty members (i.e., a university and a medical school) employ the same individual and compensate the individual through a common paymaster which is one of the corporations, each corporation shall be considered to have paid remuneration to the individual only the amounts actually disbursed by it and shall not be considered to have paid as remuneration amounts actually disbursed to the individual by the other corporation.

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Revenues

The CBC revenue projection is based on a tax reform package that raises $27 billion in additional revenue for 1984. The crux of this package involves modifying the third year tax cut so that it is limited to the first $50,000 of income only. This modification will increase Government revenues by $8 billion.

The package will also:

Raise $6 billion through oil and gas tax modifications;

Raise $5 billion through estate, luxury and capital gains tax modifications;

Raise $5 billion through corporate tax modifications; and

Raise $3 billion through other tax modifications.

In addtion, the CBC has allowed $5 billion for increased revenue collected through social security tax increases.

[In billion of dollars]

	Reagan 1984	CBC 1984	CBC versus Reagan
Jobs:			
H.R. 1036, Community Renewal Employment Act	0	8.9	+8.9
Work incentive program	0	.365	+.365
Community service employment for older Americans	.277	.296	+.019
Unemployment trust fund for training	1.042	1.386	+.344
Training and employment services	4.281	10.043	+5.762
Defense:			
Total budget authority	280.2	215.0	−51.1
Procurement	94.2	48.1	−46.1
Research and development	29.6	20.9	−8.7
Operations and maintenance	74.0	66.3	−8.7
Social programs:			
Total social programs	412.6	463.7	+51.1
Housing and commerce:			
Housing for elderly and handicapped	.436	.819	+.383
New Single-family housing aid program	0	3.5	+3.5
Postal service	.400	1.1	+.7
Community and regional development:			
CDBG	3.5	4.6	+1.1
UDAG	.196	.460	+.264
New National Development Bank loan program	0	5.0	+5.0
Education and Social Services:			
Vocational and adult education	.500	1.9	+1.4
Comp. Education for disadvantaged	3.0	5.5	+2.5
Student financial assistance	3.6	4.7	+1.1
Guaranteed student loans	2.2	4.2	+2.0
Community services grants	.003	.373	+.370
Health:			
Health care service grants	.154	1.939	+1.785
Other health care services	3.5	4.0	+.5
Health benefits for unemployed	0	1.5	+1.5
Income security:			
Housing assistance	.397	17.929	+17.532
Food stamps	10.4	14.4	+4.0
WIC food program	1.1	1.3	+.2
Low-income energy assistance	1.3	4.1	+2.8
AFDC assistance payment program	7.6	8.7	+1.1
Other programs:			
Mass transit	3.9	4.7	+.8
Revenue sharing	4.6	7.6	+3.0

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(2) Chafee-Pell unprinted amendment No. 86, providing that hospitals located in New England in a Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area in 1979 must be classified as urban under the prospective reimbursement system.

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(3) Symms unprinted amendment No. 87, directing the Secretary of the Treasury of his delegate to conduct a study of the feasibility of implementing Social Security Option Accounts.

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(4) Kennedy unprinted amendment No. 89, providing that by January 1, 1985, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall report to the Congress concerning the feasibility and desirability of applying a prospective payment methodology to payment by all payers for in-patient health service, including consideration of the extent of cost-shifting to non-Federal payers, and the impact of such cost-shifting on health insurance costs and premiums borne by employers and employees.

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(5) Nickles unprinted amendment No. 92, providing that benefits no longer be paid to aliens not authorized by law to live and work in the United States. (By 34 yeas to 58 nays, Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

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(6) Metzenbaum modified unprinted amendment No. 88, relating to interest on State loans (as amended below).

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(7) Percy unprinted amendment No. 93 (to Metzenbaum modified unprinted amendment No. 88), providing that deferred interest shall not be subject to further interest.

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(8) Levin unprinted amendment No. 94 (to Metzenbaum modified unprinted amendment No. 88), providing that no interest shall accrue on any deferred interest.

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(9) Ford-Huddleston unprinted amendment No. 95, changing the date after which a State solvency action must have been taken.

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(10) Long unprinted amendment No. 96, adjusting the criteria and period for using the "normalization" procedure.

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(11) Byrd unprinted amendment No. 97, revising the test for deferral of interest.

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(12) Heinz-Moynihan unprinted amendment No. 98, providing for a study with respect to establishing the Social Security Administration as an independent agency.

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(13) Dole unprinted amendment No. 99, providing a penalty for failure to pay interest.

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(14) Huddleston unprinted amendment No. 100, providing elective coverage for ministers as employees.

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(15) Bentsen-Thurmond unprinted amendment No. 101, to treat nonqualified deferred compensation the same as other elective deferred compensation for Social Security purposes.

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Rejected:

(1) By 13 yeas to 80 nays, Symms Amendment No. 525, to provide that no Social Security cost-of-living adjustments be made in 1983.

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(2) By 28 yeas to 64 nays, Kennedy unprinted amendment No. 91, to remove the requirement that the State Medicaid cost containment program be established by July 1, 1981, and to provide an incentive to States to establish their own system.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill and amendments proposed thereto on Monday, March 21.

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

(1) Transmitting the third annual report describing on Federal actions with respect to the conservation and use of petroleum and natural gas in Federal facilities, and conservation of petroleum and natural gas by recipients of Federal assistance, which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (PM–30)

(2) Transmitting a report on the State of Small Business, which was referred to the Committee on Small Business. (PM–31)

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—34)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 5:02 p.m., until 12 noon on Monday, March 21, 1983. (For Senate schedule, see remarks of Senator Baker in today's Record on page S3335.)

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Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic and Theater Nuclear Forces held hearings on S. 675, authorizing funds for fiscal year 1984 for military programs of the Department of Defense, receiving testimony in closed session on U.S./Soviet strategic forces from General Bennie Davis, USAF, Commander-in-Chief, and Lt. Colonel Marvin Sagar, USA, Colonel Joseph Bester, USAF, and Captain Richard Webber USAF, all of the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff, all of the Strategic Air Command; and in open and closed session on strategic command, control and communication from Donald C. Latham, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Communications, Command, Control and Intelligence, Vice Admiral Gordon R. Nagler, Director, Command and Control, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Rear Admiral Paul D. Tomb, Director, Space Systems and Command, Control, and Communications, and Deputy Chief of Air Force Staff for Research Development and Acquisition.

Subcommittee will meet again Monday, March 21.

AUTHORIZATIONS—FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1984 for the Federal Trade Commission, after receiving testimony from David S. Versfelt, Donovan, Leisure, Newton and Irvine, New York City, on behalf of the American Association of Advertising Agencies; Gilbert H. Weil, on behalf of the Association of National Advertisers, New York City; William W. Rogal, on behalf of the American Advertising Federation, David I. Greenberg, on behalf of the Consumer Federation of America, Bert W. Rein, Kirkland and Ellis, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, James R. Amschler, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers, Jared O. Blum, on behalf of the Small Business Legislative Council, and Mark Silbergeld, Consumers Union, all of Washington, D.C.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure concluded oversight hearings on the need to provide indemnification to Government contractors against the risks of catastrophic accidents and non-catastrophic accidents for which the Government is primarily responsible, after receiving testimony from S. Neil Hosenball, General Counsel, Robert J. Wojtal, Chairman, Interagency Task Force on Indemnification, both of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; David W. Bowman, Harris Corporation, Melbourne, Florida; and John M. Geaghan, National Security Industrial Association, and Fred S. Souk, Crowell and Moring, both of Washington, D.C.

SACCHARIN STUDY AND ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee approved for reporting the following bills:

S. 89, to extend the period during which the Secretary of Health and Human Services may not take certain actions to restrict the continued use of saccharin; and

S. 126, authorizing funds for fiscal year 1984 for alcohol and drug abuse research programs, with an amendment.

AUTHORIZATIONS—NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1984 for health programs administered by the National Science Foundation, receiving testimony from Edward A. Knapp, Director, and Lewis M. Branscomb, Chairman, National Science Board, both of the National Science Foundation; James J. Brophy, University of Utah, Salt Lake City; Elinor Ostrom, Indiana University, Bloomington; Lattie Coor, University of Vermont, Burlington; Elias Blake, Clark College, Atlanta, Georgia; and Shirley M. Malcom, American Association for the Advancement of Science, and George Littleton, Howard University, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue on Monday, April 18.

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